## Introduction to CT FarmLink for CT Land Trusts





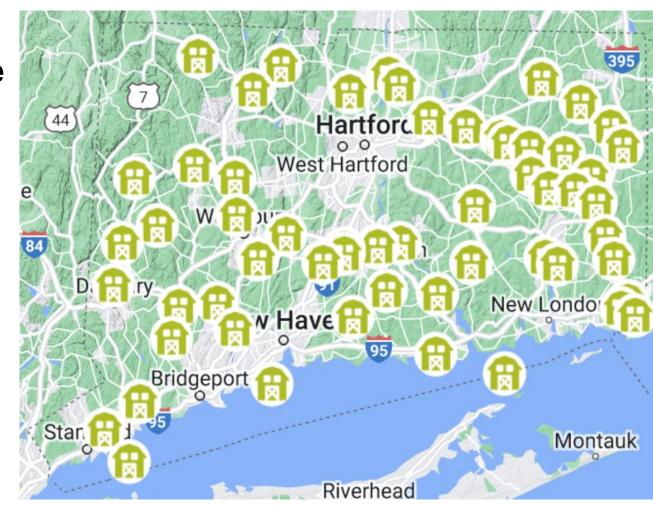






#### FarmLink Website

- 355 CT Farmers actively looking for land opportunities
- 75 Farm Listings







## **FarmLink Listing**

#### The Land

Is the farm currently in operation ?: Yes

Type of Property Poster: Land trust or other conservation organization

Type of Farm Operation: Specialty crops, Other

Farming Practices: Conventional

Water Sources: None

#### Soils:

We have approximately 13 acres of hay field and need someone to maintain it and cut and bail the hay. Very favorable terms for someone willing to maintain the field and cut and bail the hay.

#### **Tenure Arrangements**

Tenure Arrangement: Short term lease, Long term lease

Are there any other current leases, partnerships, or arrangements on your property?: none

Is the farm presently listed with a realtor?: No

#### **Technical Assistance**

- Lease development, crafting, and negotiation
- Navigating financing options
- Land management planning and conservation practices
- Navigating state and federal programs
- Onsite visits to determine suitability



# Considerations to make before leasing

- Water
- Fencing
- Infrastructure
- Organic vs non organic
- Intensity of agriculture
- Public access
- Conflict with other conservation values





### Benefits to leasing your farmland

- Land stewardship
- Community benefits
- Supports mission and goal of your land trust
- Supporting beginning farmers
- Rent?

## **Funding sources**

- CT Department of Agriculture Grants
- Purchase of Development rights program
- New England AFT Micro Grant
- USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Grants



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